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The following is a report of activities with the WA-Trans Project since the Steering Committee met last.

GIS Analyst Position:

We have hired Holly Glaser as our GIS analyst. Holly used to work for Tareq Al-Zeer in the WSDOT NW Region and she did attend our meetings in the early years so many of you may know her. She is working on conflation of Mobility data to the data provided by King County right now. As a part of this Holly has been looking at conflation tools and documenting the processes she is developing. She will then learn the translation process and develop translators or work with partners to assist them in building translators to complete the Puget Sound Pilot. After that she will work on how to put WSDOT data into WA-Trans.

Puget Sound Pilot (Phase I):

The Puget Sound Pilot is moving forward at a reasonable pace. We are working through development of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that we will use as a template for other pilot activities. We are working on a definitions list of the MOU. Michelle is working on that and Tami has taken over the completion of the MOU.

Agreement points are being implemented. King and Pierce County GIS analysts are working together through the process of making sure they have all points adjusted properly. Michael and Tami are working with Michelle and Brian to make sure we can adequately document these in the database. Ken is working with Chuck and will also work with Mike Berman and Michelle to document this process in some detail as we get through it.

Pierce County data is in the WA-Trans database and Chuck is performing some QA functions on it. Once Chuck started working with the data it became clear our test plan wasn't for data providers but was built from a data users' perspective so we are working with Chuck and Mike Berman (King County) to develop test plans which test the data provider needs. As stated above we have to conflate Mobility data (from CRAB) to the King County network. This is almost complete and must be tested. We are working with King County so when they are ready they can minimize the rework required and this will not be something we have to do every time. The King County data is through the first phase of translation and once all the data is conflated it will be put in a separate database for Mike to have QA performed on it. Then we will put the data together and provide it to PSRC. We are still on target to meet our deadline of providing the two-county data set to The National Map by the end of the year. However, there will still be a lot of work to do when that is complete. There will definitely be a phase II of this pilot. The scope of that phase depends on funding which we are still waiting to hear about.

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One-Road Pilot Phase I (formerly known as the Transportation Pooled Fund Pilot)

We met with the partners from Benton, Franklin, and Walla Walla counties as well as Steve Rush from Hanford to begin work on this pilot. This group will make up the Washington side of the PAC but we would still like one person from the steering committee who has participated in the project for a while to join that group if possible. Franklin County is going through some reorganization so we don't know who we will be working with but we are still going to get their data at a minimum.

We are meeting with the multi-state group (the GISDC) by phone quarterly and they are considering in Tennessee setting up a parallel effort to ours to test the concepts and processes we are developing and how well they will work there. They are helping us find new partners. Kansas and Nevada have expressed interest recently.

We have scheduled a Joint Application Development (JAD) Session in Pendleton Oregon with the PAC for this group, a couple of steering committee members and the Oregon participants to take our high level business requirements for the data user and data provider interfaces and develop detailed specifications for portals. The goal is to have those ready to put in an RFP by early Spring so we know what it will cost by the end of June. Then we will begin implementation in July. This puts us behind schedule for the Pooled Fund Study Phase I by a couple of months but will provide us much more accurate budget and schedule numbers to work with.

I am talking seriously with ESRI about a possible partnership for TPF study. It is possible but we have a lot of things to figure out first. We also have had interest expressed by Oracle.

Return on Investment Study

FDGC has decided to fund a couple of more trips by GITA to our neck of the woods to help us complete this effort. They are primarily interested in helping us with the part of this study that does NOT involve WSDOT. The work has to be done by the end of the year. They will be here from October 31 through November 2 and November 14 and 15. Tami will be soliciting involvement from you for this effort so we can get the non-WSDOT part nailed down as soon as possible. Ken continues to work on the WSDOT part of this and so if we get good participation we will have both ends covered to create a real collaborative picture!

Communication and Participation

Cathy Udenburg of Walla Walla County worked with Tami on a presentation and demonstration of the translation process for the NW GIS Users Conference in Spokane. With the exception of some technical difficulties it went well. Tami also presented at the International URISA Conference in September in Vancouver, B.C. in a session on collaboration. That went very well. By the time of our meeting we will have presented with

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Cathy again for the Washington Chapter of the Association of Public Works in Wenatchee. We are on the agenda for Thursday October 19 in the morning. We have more time for that so we can cover more material.

We have a couple of changes to the steering committee to report:

- Mac McKay from the Washington DNR will be joining us. He is the data steward for the hydro and transportation data. He has already sent us some data so we can see how we can work with them. We may try to put their data in the Puget Sound data during Phase II.
- Michaellyn Garcia has joined us from the US Bureau of Census. Wendy is being directed to some high priority activities and so Michaellyn will be our active contact.
- I am still working with Bill Kaiser of the US Forest Service to try to get an active participant to represent their concerns.

Next Meeting

We are still working to schedule those. It will very likely be in January in Seattle.